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KURTS KOLUMN.....WELCOME TO EAU CLAIRE

Welcome to Eau Claire! As you can see by the preliminary itinerary of events, the members of the Chippewa Valley Coin Club have gone all out to present a really outstanding convention for the Numismatists of Wisconsin. I applaud their outstanding effort, and know that you will enjoy the fruit of their toil.

So many exciting happenings are slated for our convention this year, that it is most difficult to say what the highlight might be. Certainly, of tremendous interest will be the special displays of Wisconsin obselete and national currency. A pair of dedicated Wisconsin collectors have made this tremendous exhibition possible. In all, some 50 cases of rare Wisconsin notes will be available for viewing. In no other case can I recall such a comprehensive display of state currency, anywhere!

For those who wish to better equip themselves with the knowledge of detecting counterfeit and altered coins, we have arranged to bring Ed Flieshman and John Hunter of the ANACS staff in Colorado Springs to our convention. On Friday, a long session has been slated to educate collectors and dealers alike.

The Society of Paper Money Collectors have scheduled a special dinner gathering of their organization. We welcome this organization along with the Civil War Token Society, the Odd & Curious Society and the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association.

We have lined up an impressive bourse, scheduled the third edition of the W.Y.N. auction and have arranged for a very special counterstamp, featureing a likeness of the famous Wisconsin Civil War Eagle, "Old Abe".

The Franklin Mint will be represented by Mr. William Krieg, Vice President of Collector relations of the World's fore-most private minting facility.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have so ablely served our state organization the past two years. The close of the convention will bring a new President to the Numismatists of Wisconsin.

While I take the personal position that my term of office was not as fruitful as early visions indicated, I am thankful for the vast support which was extended on behalf of N.O.W. by many of the membership.

We have a solid, well-respected organization. We have been innovators within the realm of organized numismatics. Each and every N.O.W. member should be proud of the plateaus which we have conquered.

I know, that the future will bring even greater plateaus of accomplishment into our hands.

All for N.O.W. Kurt R. Krueger

FROM THE EDITOR LARRY SPANBAUER

First of all, let me explain the lateness of this issue of the organizations quarterly. I thought that it would be better to mail this issue toward the end of the month to better remind the membership that our state show is only five weeks away and that preparations should be made for attending. If the usual mailing would have taken place, nine weeks would have elapsed between receiving this issue and the show.

This years state show should prove to be one of the best ever held. Not only will there again be enough dealers to fill your every need, but this years displays should prove to be some of the best ever seen. In addition to all this, the American Numismatic Association Certification Service will be represented. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your counterfeiting problems with the best in the business.

Jerome Tillung, chairman for this years show, told me that they have been busy cuting down trees and that by show time, Eau Claire will no longer be a small village in the middle of the north woods. The convention center where the show is being held is a thing of beauty and will serve as an excellent place to relax for a weekend .

Make your plans to attend our and your state show. If you have any questions you can call Jerome at 1-715-834-1001, or write to him at 815 Morningside Drive, Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

As you all know by now, this year marked the second year in a row that there was no public participation in the annual assay commission. While much was written on the subject and preasure was applied in order to restore this event,all failed. I thought that you may have been interested in what the O.T.A.C.S. organization tried to do to reinstate this commission.

The following two pages contain letters from the O.T.A.C.S. group stating their stand as well as a letter from the government giving their view. I'm sure that we will try again next year.

O. T. A. C. S.

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY
U. S. A.

Dear Commissioner,

Thanks for your dues payment for 1977. Your membership card is enclosed. That said, I'd now like to ask you for some more money -- $10, to be exact. This is why:

As you undoubtedly know, President Carter did not appoint any public members to the 1977 Assay Commission on the basis that it was a governmental "frill" that did not deserve to be continued. He estimated the cost ("waste"?) at $2500, and even hinted that the Assay tradition might be discontinued altogether.

I certainly don't want to see that happen, and I'm sure you don't, either. One of the best ways to make sure that the Assay Commission continues is to see that it doesn't cost the government any money (for 1978, at least). How can we make sure of that? By paying for it ourselves.

So if you, along with all other OTACS members, will join me in contributing at least $10, we'll be able to present President Carter with a check for $2500 to meet his objections about the cost. Of course, he could go ahead and kill the Commission anyway, but he'd have to find some other reason to do it. (If he turns down the money, you'll get it back or applied to next year's dues.)

Please return your check to me in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. That will ensure that your name will be on the roll of those former Commissioners who believe in the tradition of the Assay Commission, as we present that and the check to the President.

Fraternally yours,

Ray O.

Ray O. Lefman, Exec. Sec'y.

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Mr. Ray O. Lefman
Executive Secretary
Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society
412 So. Van Brunt Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64124

Dear Mr. Lefman:

Your letter of October 27, addressed to the President concerning your desire to submit $1,000 to assist in underwriting the cost of the Annual Assay Commission has been referred to the Bureau of the Mint for reply.

We appreciate very much your interest in this Commission; however, the Government can not possibly accept your offer.

The question of whether to retain the Assay Commission and continue the traditional practice of appointing public members is still under consideration. Mrs. Hackel, the new Director of the Mint is exploring every possible means to continue this Commission.

Your thoughtfulness and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frank H. MacDonald
Acting Director of the Mint

Please forgive us for not depositing your check. We felt the government would not accept our contribution but at least the President is aware of how serious we are.

Enclosed please find your check and we appreciate your willing support.

Our best wishes for you and your family for the New Year.

Ray O. and Betty Lefman

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THE NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN SPEAKERS BUREAU

The following is a list of those who have volunteered to participate in the N.O.W. Speakers Bureau Program. Interested groups should contact these speakers directly to make the proper arrangements.

1.	Clem Bailey;	Malta; general. P.O.Box 275, Iola, Wis.
2.	Ken Bressett;	Colonial American; general. 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, Wis.
3.	Jack Curtis;	Saint Gaudens; Chinese coins; magicians tokens P.O. Box 547, Stevens Point, Wis.
4.	Virgil Jackson	Isle of Man; type coins; China. 94 West Water Street, Beaver Dam, Wis.
5.	Floyd Janney	Limited Availability P.O. Box 143, Waukesha, Wis.
6.	Arnold Jeffcoat	General. Numismatic News, Iola, Wis.
7.	Chet Krause	General; current events. Numismatic News, Iola, Wis.
8.	Kurt Krueger	Exonumia; general; Young Numismatists. P.O. Box 7, Kimberly, Wis.
9.	Cliff Mishler	General; current events. Numismatic News, Iola, Wis.
10.	Richard Phelps	Coins of Modern Greece; circulating tokens. P.O. Box 212, Sussex, Wis.
11.	Russell Rulau	World Coins; general. World Coin News, Iola, Wis.

12.	Neil Shafer	World paper money; Phillippine coins. 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, Wis.
13.	Charles Opitz	Odd and Curious Money. 12550 Pinewood Road, Brookfield, Wis.
14.	R. S. Yeoman	Historical coins of the world; general. 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, Wis.

If your club does indeed participate in this worthwhile program, it is suggested that an A.N.A. Educational Certificate be ordered for your guest speaker, providing, of course, that the presentation was good. Your club will also be expected to offer the following courtesies:

A. The desired speaker should be contacted no later than three months prior to the proposed engagement date and given full details concerning the time, place, and type of program desired.

B. The speaker should be given an estimate of the anticipated attendance - which should be no fewer than twenty.

C. A suitable topic will be agreed upon between the club representative and the speaker. The moderator should acquire details about the speaker and his topic and properly introduce him to the audience.

D. Format and length of talk must be agreed upon and enforced. A program of 20-45 minutes duration is usually suitable or 15-20 minutes if there is more than one speaker.

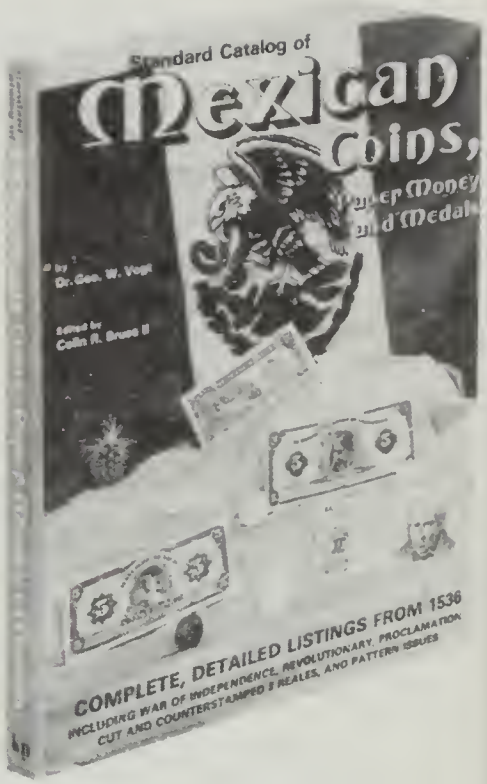
E. The host club should be responsible for providing suitable sound and projection equipment if necessary.

F. The speaker should be given clear directions about the location of the meeting place.

G. The host club should reimburse the speaker for travel, meals and also any lodging expences incurred.

NEWS RELEASE

The Standard Catalog of Mexican Coins, Paper Money and Medals is now available.



The Standard Catalog of Mexican Coins, Paper Money and Medals, the most complete pricing guide of its kind for Mexico, is now available to collectors. The 256 page volume, priced at $12.50, is authored by Dr. George Vogt, and published by Krause Publications, Inc., Iola, Wis. 54945.

This work offers a complete coverage of Mexican coins beginning with the reign of Charles and Johanna in 1536. Values for each coin are given in up to four grades of preservation.

Also featured is a comprehensive section on the Bancos of Mexico. In this section collectors will appreciate the most comprehensive Mexican paper money listing prior to the Revolu - tionary War. Values are offered in three grades of preservation.

The Standard Catalog of Mexican Coins, Paper Money and Medals also provides valuations for Mexican proclamation medals, modern medals and mint errors.

Well detailed photographs throughout the catalog offer the collector an excellent visual guide to the coins, notes and medals being studied.

Collectors are urged to pick-up their copy of the Standard Catalog of Mexican Coins, Paper Money and Medals at their local coin shop.

Fellow Hobbiests;

A new numismatic writers organization for N.O.W. members is being formed, with the expressed purpose of insuring the growth of N.O.W. News, the state organizations quarterly publicatiom.

The encouragement of numismatic authors by N.O.W. will be proposed at the spring N.O.W. board of governors meeting, with a literary award program, funded by the parent organization for members of this flrdgeling group to be proposed.

The proposed awards will be: Best Articles and 1st and 2nd runner-up awards. The ten most interesting articles each year, (polled by the co-ordinator from among the authors) will be submitted to the N.O.W. board of governors on secret ballots for selection of the best story and runners-up. There are no restrictions on what phase of the numismatic hobby you may write about. Some suggestions are:

1. Early days in collecting.
2. How you got started in the hobby.
3. Evolution of coin clubs.
4. Specific series of coins, tokens, paper money, etc.
5. Why I collect.
6. In depth on series, single pieces.
7. Collector personality profiles.
8. Club profiles. (historys)
9. Predictions or prosnostigations.
10. Historic & research - coins,tokens, paper money etc.

The list is endless, and each N.O.W. member has a story to tell, and "in your own words" is by far the finest format. Can we count on your participation?

Gerald "Gene" Johnson
W.N.W.A. Co-ordinator
1921 Chase Street
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NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN

18th ANNUAL CONVENTION

MAY 5th Thru 7th, 1978

CIVIC CENTER

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Friday, May 5th

9:30 a.m.	A.N.A.C.S. Counterfeit Detection Seminar. Eau Claire Inn (Hilton)
12:00 Noon	Wisconsin Banking History Exhibition opens to the public. Civic Center
5:00 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas open to dealers and exhibitors. Civic Center
9:00 p.m.	Wisconsin Banking History Exhibition closes to the public.
10:00 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas secured.
10:30 p.m.	N.O.W. Convention kick-off gathering. Presidential Suite, Eau Claire Inn (Hilton)

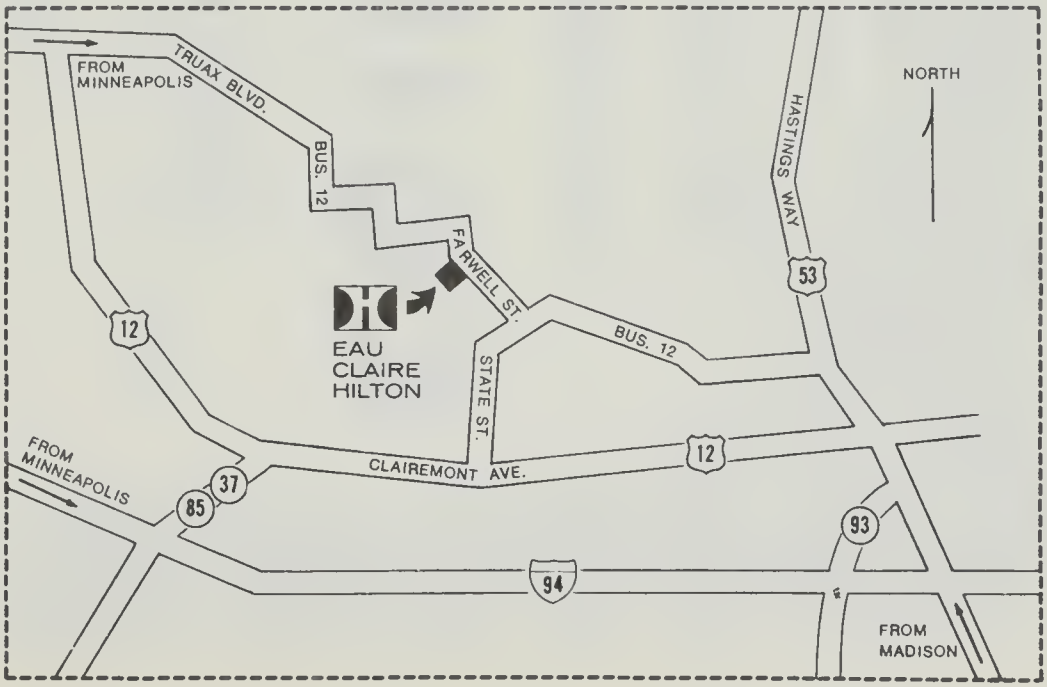
Saturday, May 6th

8:00 a.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas open to dealers and exhibitors. Civic Center
9:00 a.m.	Official ribbon cutting ceremonies. Civic Center Registration area opens. Civic Center Franklin Mint area opens. Civic Center N.O.W. Hospitality area opens. Eau Claire Inn
10:00 a.m.	N.O.W. Board meeting. Presidential Suite, Eau Claire Inn (Hilton)
12:00 Noon	Society of Paper Money Collectors dinner meeting. Eau Claire Inn (Hilton)
2:00 p.m.	Civil War Token Society gathering. Civic Center
3:30 p.m.	1978 N.O.W. Educational Forum. Eau Claire Inn (Hilton)
5:30 p.m.	1978 W.Y.N. Scholarship benefit auction. Civic Center
6:30 p.m.	N.O.W. Hospitality area closes.
7:00 p.m.	Convention Hall and activities close for the day.

Sunday, May 7th

8:00 a.m.	1978 N.O.W. Awards Breakfast. Eau Claire Inn Exhibition awards announced. N.O.W. Scholarship recipient announced. W.Y.N. Scholarship recipient announced. Merit and Service Award recipients announced.
9:30 a.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas open to dealers and exhibitors. Civic Center
10:00 a.m.	Convention opens to the public. Civic Center Registration area opens. Civic Center Franklin Mint area opens. Civic Center N.O.W. Hospitality area opens. Civic Center
11:00 a.m.	1978 N.O.W. General Membership meeting. Civic Center Election results to be announced.
1:00 p.m.	Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association meeting. Civic Center
2:30 p.m.	Odd & Curious Society meeting. Civic Center
4:00 p.m.	N.O.W. Hospitality area closes.
5:00 p.m.	1978 N.O.W. Convention closes.
6:00 p.m.	Secured areas close.

This preliminary itinerary of events is designed for N.O.W. members who wish to make early plans. Please consult the official convention manual for changes which may be necessary.



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THIRTY PIECES of SILVER

We all know that Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and we also know that Judas hanged himself in despair. The Bible states that the "blood money" was used to buy a burying ground for strangers, but what ever happened to the actual 30 pieces of silver? No one knows for sure.

In 1956 a strange tale came out of the Holy Land concerning thirty pieces of silver. The story begins a hundred and forty six years earlier. In November1820, a Hungarian adventurer named Ferencz Szecseny arrived in the Arab village of Deir el Ballad with much gold and a letter from the Turkish Governor General of Damascus authorizing him to conduct archeological explorations in Jerusalem, Hebron and the Dead Sea areas.

Szecseny made it known that he was looking for a guide, strong men (willing to work for gold) and camels to carry supplies. His purpose was to scale Mt. Massada and to dig up the ruins of Herod's palace. The Arabs of Dear el Ballad knew nothing of Herod but they did know the language of gold.

Within a few days, Szecseny had a work force composed of thirty men, fifty camels and a guide. The guide Mohammed Yazid Ibn Mahdawi, was also the owner of forty of the camels in the caravan.

The caravan left the village and headed for the Dead Sea area. After an uneventful trip, the caravan arrived at Mt. Massada. Upon their arrival at the base of the Massada, the men refused to climb the mountain. Only after Szecseny offered to double their pay did the Arabs agree to climb the treacherous mountain.

The fears of the men were justified for on the very first day, two men fell to their deaths. By driving the workers at a brutal pace, the Hungarian managed to find the foundations of Herod's palace in only two days. On the fourth day, the diggers uncovered a vast subterranean vault lined with marble and filled with the debris of war.

The victorious Roman Legions must have looted the palace of all it's valuables before burning and razing it, because there was nothing of value left behind. With uncanny insight, Szecseny ordered the workers to dig up the floor of the vault, and in a few hours a small cave was discovered.

The small cavern was full of broken swords, arrowheads and human skeletons. This grisly sight was heightened by shadows cast by the flickering candlelight. Szecseny guessed that these were the remains of the Jewish defenders who would rather "fall on their swords" than surrender to the Legions of Rome.

Undeterred by the skeletons, the adventurer kicked aside the bones and picked up an earthenware jar. The jar was intact and sealed tight. An inscription in ancient Aramaic was inscribed upon it.

Szecseny deciphered it as "This is cursed, evil, blood money. This is the price of betrayal. May anyone who touches it for personal gain be haunted by its evil past."

Rather than keep the jar intact as any dedicated archeologist would, Szecseny smashed the jar to get at its contents. Out of the receptacle poured thirty pieces of silver. At the sight of the silver, the Hungarian became terrified and stated, "The thirty pieces of silver, thirty shekels, the blood money of Our Lord Jesus Christ" and fell to his knees. He crossed himself with the Sign of the Cross.

The Arab workers, not brave men at anytime, became panic stricken at the sight of their leaders strange behavior and bolted from the cave leaving it in darkness.

Mohammed helped Szecseny scoop up some of the coins in the dark. Szecseny stated, "We will come back tomorrow and search the cave for the coins we've missed and for more treasure. If I can prove that these are the payment Judas Iscariot received for betraying Jesus Christ, I can sell them for a fortune to Christian Churches and to the Holy See. "I'll be a millionaire".

Mohammed Yazid answered, "But you said yourself that the money is cursed." Szecseny only laughed "Who believes in such superstition now?"

Szecseny never returned to the cave, for the next morning while dressing he was bitten by a scorpion which had hidden in his boot. He died on November 12, 1820 in St. Joseph's Hospital of Mercy and was buried in the Christian Cemetery on Mt. Scopus. His grave can be seen even today.

Bad luck stalked all the members of the expedition. The Arab workmen who entered the cave were all stricken by mysterious maladies, bitten by snakes and attacked by rabid dogs. Mohammed lost all his camels to a strange disease. He was reduced from a rich and influential man to a pauper. His wife and children were stricken also.

Too late did he remember he was guilty of theft as well as desecration, because in the confusion of Szecseny's agony he stole the cursed coins from his bag. The Guide in a desparate attempt to rid himself of the curse went to see the Abbe Paul St. Cloud, Superior of a French Carmelite Monastary in Jerusalem and told his story and begged the Abbe to remove the curse from him.

Abbe Paul had the story recorded and dispatched a messenger, with the twelve coins that had been taken from the cave and a copy of the story to France.

Again tragedy struck and the messenger was captured by bandits, his throat slit, and all he possessed, including the coins, was stolen. These twelve coins were never found despite the reward of a thousand gold dinars made by Abbe Paul.

In 1829, Abbe Paul and sixteen monks were murdered by an Albanian usuper named Mohammed Ali and his son Ibrihim el Awal who set up a new royal dynasty in Egypt. Only one monk named Hieronymus and two Christian Arabs escaped the massacre of Mohammed Ali's victorious troops.

Fra Hieronymus and the two Arabs took a copy of the manu - script of the Mohammed Yazid's story with them. They attempted to cross the Sinai Desert and escape to France, but they became lost. They arrived at the Greek Orthodox Monestary of St. Catherine sick, exhausted and in a severe state of dehyration. They died within three months. The manuscript was placed in the library of St. Catherine's. This library has one of the largest collections of ancient manuscripts in the world.

In 1859, the village of Dier el Ballad was wiped off the map by an earthquake. After the destruction of this village, the matter of the "Blood Money" of Massada rested for ninty-seven years. In November of 1956, Israeli forces in the Sinai Campaign visted St. Catherine's and the monks invited them to be their guests. For as long as the Israeli forces were in the Sinai, Israeli scholars studied the ancient manuscripts.

Among the scholars was Prof. Yigael Yadin, former Israeli Chief of Staff. The Israelis studied Abbe Paul's record and the story of the "Blood Money" of Massada was resurrected. Prof. Yadin spent almost three years raising money to mount an expedition to Mt. Massada. There he found the remaining eighteen pieces of silver. A study of the coins showed that they could be the Betrayal Coins since the were of the time of Christ.

If they were THE COINS how did they get into the palace with the last of the Jewish defenders of Herod's fortress? We can only conjecture.

Editors Note:

The account of the Thirty Pieces of Silver was published in the Fall-Winter 1976-1977 issue of the Centinel. I thought that this article is an interesting numismatic story which would fit into this Lenten Seasom.

THE WISCONSIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club of Wausau will hold its 18th annual coin show April 23rd 1978 at the Holiday Inn. This is the second year that the show will be held at this location. Previous shows were held for 16 consecutive years at the Wausau Labor Temple. The bourse chairman for this years show is: Gene Johnson, 1921 Chase Street, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494.

The 1978 officers for the W.V.C.C. are:

President	Brian Sodke
Vice Pres.	Edward Rahn
Secretary	Helen Baesman
Treasurer	Gerald Zocher

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Historial Museum. During the summer, the second meeting of the month is omited.

Exhibit winners at last years show included:

Best of Show	Vickie Klaush	U.S. Gold
Senior First	Vickie Klaush	Racketeer Nickels
	Russ Klaush	Fractional Curr.
	Gene Johnson	Linconia
Senior Second	Edward Rahn	Coins of Panama
	Edward Rahn	U.S. Coins
	Dorothy Sase	Our Last 100 Years
	Daisy Jackson	Foreign Proofs
Junior First	Brian Sodke	20th Century Coins
Junior Second	Dennis Wolfe	U.S. Quarters

Twenty-four dealers were on hand for this show. In a meeting following the show, it was again decided to contribute $20.00 to the Wisconsin Young Numismatist fund.

RATES FOR ADVERTISING IN THE N.O.W. NEWS

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March Issue .....February 1st.
June Issue.....May 1st.
September Issue.....August 1st.
December Issue.....November 1st.

*****COIN SHOWS*****

March 5, 1978	Appleton	Appleton Coin Club Jim Bayer 1143 W. Cedar Appleton, Wis. 54911
March 4&5, 1978	Oconomowoc	Allan Clark Show Harold Collins P.O. Box 711 Menomonee Falls, 53051
March 12, 1978	Kenosha	Kenosha Coin Collectors Holiday Inn - 6th Ave. Kenosha Coin Club P.O. Box 442 Kenosha, Wis. 53141
March 12, 1978	Waukesha	Youth Expo. Building Next to Airport Waukesha Coin Club 3385 Hidden Hills Drive Brookfield, Wis. 53005
March 19, 1978	Milwaukee	G.M.C.D.A. Eddie's South Side Hawaiian Hall 1717 W. Mitchell St. Milwaukee, Wis.
March 26, 1978	HAPPY EASTER	
April 2, 1978	Milwaukee	South Shore Coin Club St. Romans Parish Hall 20th & Bolivar N.W. C/O 5494 W. Fairy Chasm Rd. Brown Deer, Wis. 53223

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April 8&9, 1978	Racine	Racine Numis. Society Racine Motor Inn 6th & Main Street P.O. Box 1222 Racine, Wis. 53405
April 9, 1978	Madison	Madison Coin Club Don Clark P.O. Box 3096 Madison, Wis. 53704
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May 13&14, 1978	St. Louis	Central States Numis Soc.
June 23-25	Milwaukee	Retail Coin Dealers Ass. Red Carpet Lanes Milwaukee, Wis.
Aug. 20, 1978	Baraboo	

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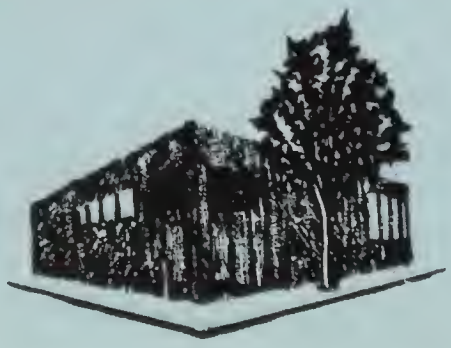
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